C-482 No. 145 of 2003

Hon'ble Irshad Hussain J.

Heard. This is a petition U/S 482 of the Code of Criminal Procedure with a prayer mainly for release of Tempo No. U.P. 20A-3596 which was seized in connection with some offence relating to the forest produce under the provisions of the Indian Forest Act as well as under the provisions of Wild Life Protection Act, 1972.

The Jurisdiction to release the vehicle now lie with the Forest Officer as provided U/S 52 of the Indian Forest Act(Uttaranchal Amendment Act), 2002.) The learned counsel for the petitioner states that the application had been preferred before the competent Forest Officer but the same has not been disposed of according to law. Considering this the Divisional Forest Officer concerned is directed to dispose of the release application of the petitioner preferably within a period of one month from the date of receipt of copy of this order. With this the petition is finally disposed of.

Dt.21.8.2003 **(Irshad Hussain J.)**

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